

February 1853
Ship Mary of New Bedford cruising for Whales
courses Windy Wednesday Feb the 16th
North WNW Moderate gale & foggy with squalls of Rain
Under close. Keefed top sails & courses lowered 2
Boats after sulphur bottoms to try to shoot them
But had fishermen's luck a long pull & gave
them up middle & latter parts a double reefed
Top sail breeze all hands employed stowing
down oil leak 400 T Lat by Orls

Thursday Feb the 17th
NE SSW Light breeze & fine Weather all hands
were ship employed making out Bread & stowing
Down salt water at 6 PM got through
West Took in sail Middle & latter parts
fresh gale & cloudy Weather leak 450
Lat by Orls 47-41 S

Friday Feb the 18th Long by Chron 54-15 W
SSW SSW The fore part fresh breeze & hazy Weather
one sail in sight the watch employed
at ships duty Middle part light airs
at daylight made some sail with a strong
N breeze & cloudy Weather ships leak was 500 T
Lat by Orls 48-13 South
Long by Chron 58-34 W

Saturday Feb the 19th
South SSW fore part strong breeze & cloudy Weather
Green Water at sundown shortened sail & kept to the wind
at daylight made all sail with a fresh
breeze & hazy Weather the watch employed
at different jobs leak 550 T Lat by Orls 49-12 S
Long by Chron 58-34 W

Sunday Feb the 20th
SSE W commenced with a moderate gale & squally
Green Water under double reefed top sails saw large
quantity of Kelp at sundown took in
E SSE sail at daylight made some sail strong
breeze & cloudy Weather cold hail squalls saw
fresh gale fin back's leak as before Lat by Orls 49-41 S
Long by Chron 58-31 W

February 1853
Ship Mary cruising of Falkland Islands
courses Windy Monday Feb the 21st squalls of hail
North SSW fore part strong breeze & hazy Weather
hail under short sail saw fin backs at 5 PM
Green Water caught a porpoise at day light made some
NE S sail with a fresh breeze & cloudy Weather
Falkland Islands ships leak was 450 T Lat by Orls 48-54 S
bearing SE 85 miles distant Long by Chron 58-18 W
by reckoning Tuesday Feb the 22nd

commenced strong breeze & hazy Weather under
NE south close reefed top sails one sail in sight standing
Blue Water to the southward & Eastward at sun down
SSW took in sail & kept to the wind Middle & latter
have some gale parts fresh gale attended with squalls of
SSW SSW hail & Rain leak was 350 T Lat by Orls 47-56 S

Wednesday Feb the 23rd
W SSW fresh gale & cloudy Weather Middle part
were ship moderated some at day light made some
East sail with strong breeze & squalls of
Rain the watch employed at different jobs
ships leak was 275 T Lat by Orls 47-16 South
Long by Chron 57-36 W

Thursday Feb the 24th
S W SSW fresh breeze & cloudy Weather saw 2 fin backs
different courses Whales at sun down shortened sail at day
light made sail fine breeze & cloudy Weather
W S W S W saw 11 sail in sight so Ends
ships leak was 250 T Lat by Orls 47-16 South
Long by Chron 58-00 West

Friday Feb the 25th
W S W fine breeze & pleasant Weather saw 11 sail in sight
at sun down shortened sail
at daylight made some sail light breeze
W S W foggy Weather the watch employed at
different jobs ships leak was 300 T strokes

10 Orls to day